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WEEKEND AWAY

The Eastern women's basketball team is on the road this weekend and will take on the Valparaiso Crusaders on Sunday.

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OFF TO CHICAGO STATE

The Eastern men's basketball team heads to Chicago State Saturday to face the Cougars. Game time is 2 p.m.

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Show some hustle: 5k run returns for 7th year

By Faith Morris
Contributing Writer | @DEN_News

The 7th annual Holiday Hustle 5K run is being held on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The race is hosted by a group of students working to raise money for One Stop Community Christmas — a charity devoted to helping those in need during the holiday season in the surrounding seven counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby.

Katie Ervin, the executive director of the Holiday Hustle committee and a senior accounting major, said One Stop Community Christmas is a group effort.

"One Stop Community Christmas is a coalition of everybody coming together to help families who need help during the holiday season," Ervin said.

Ervin said the event, and the organization, are both recent creations.

"It is still a relatively new organization," Ervin said. "It was created because organizations in the area such as churches or other non-profits, who normally held toy drives and other similar fundraisers in the past, realized they were all doing this awesome

work and could do so much more if they combined forces and did everything together."

As a result of the merger, families can now go to one location and receive everything they need during the holidays such as presents, wrapping paper, toys, toiletries, clothing, etc., hence the name "One Stop."

Sami Boomgarden, the executive director of the Holiday Hustle committee and a senior psychology major, said the run has been increasing in population.

"The Holiday Hustle has grown each year," Boomgarden said. "Two years ago we raised \$1800 and had 80 runners, and last year we raised \$2600 and had over 100 participants. This year, I'm projecting we will raise above \$3000 with a record-setting number of runners."

Boomgarden said students on the committee are very excited to see the upward trend continue in both donations and race participants.

A majority of the donations raised by the Holiday Hustle come from local businesses in the Charleston/Mattoon area, Boomgarden said.

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Holiday Art Sale kicks off 32nd year Friday

By Valentina Vargas
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The annual Holiday Art Sale returns for the 32nd year on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Dec. 2 from 1-4 p.m. at the main concourse in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Chris Kahler, the department chair of art and design, said the art sale is a wonderful opportunity for local artists like faculty, staff and students to participate in.

Kahler said this is also an opportunity for local artists to receive professional experience at selling their artwork at no cost to participate in.

"This is the only major art sale we kind of host every year," Kahler said. "In individual areas sometimes we have, I think each semester, a print sale and that's through print making area, jewelry medals will (also) have a show that shows their work and work is available for sale."

Kahler said the local artists will be donating part of their sale into funding scholarships that are given to students in the spring semester, like honorary mention or best in show scholarship.

"It is extremely important to have this opportunity and I think the thing that sometimes people forget is that all the artists, who do sell work within the sale, they do get 60 percent," Kahler said. "Then that 40 percent that they donate is a tax-deduct-

ible donation."

Kahler said the artwork the local artists sell is not just based on holiday gift items; it is more artwork ranging from ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, drawings and print work.

Deborah Nivens, an art education professor, said she has put some ceramic work in the sale and has been in it the past three years, while sometimes also helping organize the event.

She said it is a nice thing for the department because they are physically involved with art making that they do not often get to show to others.

"Unlike theater or music where they have performances, we don't," Nivens said. "So, this gives us an opportunity to share what is going on in the art department here at Eastern."

Traditionally, Kahler said in previous years the holiday art sale was in the Gallery Room 1910, but this year they worked with Doudna to present the art sale during the holiday musical events like the Holiday Concert.

"It's our way of kind of like reaching out to the public a little bit more than we typically do," Kahler said.

Nivens said she believes the art show is a great way to share their artwork with the community and to come in and enjoy that aspect of the department.

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ROTC Ready



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(Top) Cadet Colt Bible (center), an engineering major, leans against a hill with his rifle during an Army ROTC training exercise Thursday afternoon near O'Brien Field. The rifles used in the simulation were dummy rifles.

(Left) Cadet Chermaine King, a construction management major, walks during the Army ROTC training exercise Thursday afternoon outside of O'Brien Field.

(Right) Cadet Justin Fields, an athletic training major, looks through his sights on his rifle during an Army ROTC training exercise Thursday afternoon near O'Brien Field.

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Congo's Ebola outbreak is 2nd largest in history

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Congo's deadly Ebola outbreak is now the second largest in history, behind the devastating West Africa outbreak that killed thousands a few years ago, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

WHO's emergencies chief, Dr. Peter Salama, called it a "sad toll" as Congo's health ministry announced the number of cases has reached 426. That includes 379 confirmed cases and 47 probable ones. So far this outbreak, declared on Aug. 1, has 198 confirmed deaths, with another 47 probable ones, Congo's health ministry said.

Attacks by rebel groups and open hostility by some wary locals have posed serious challenges to health workers that Ebola experts say they've never been seen before. Many venture out on critical virus containment missions only accompanied by

U.N. peacekeepers in areas where gunfire echoes daily.

Salama this month predicted that the outbreak in northeastern Congo will last at least another six months before it can be contained. West Africa's Ebola outbreak killed more than 11,000 people from 2014 to 2016.

Day by day, reports by health organizations note one new difficulty after another in this latest outbreak, even as their work sets milestones that have given new hope in the fight against one of the world's most notorious diseases.

More than 37,000 people have received Ebola vaccinations, and Congo has begun the first-ever trial to test the effectiveness and safety of four experimental Ebola drugs. And yet the risk of Ebola spreading in so-called "red zones" — areas that are virtually inaccessible because of the threat of rebel groups — is a major

concern in containing this outbreak.

"This tragic milestone clearly demonstrates the complexity and severity of the outbreak. While the numbers are far from those from West Africa in 2014, we're witnessing how the dynamics of conflict pose a different kind of threat," said Michelle Gayer, senior director of emergency health at the International Rescue Committee.

In a major concern for health workers, many new cases have been unconnected to known infections as the insecurity complicates efforts to track contacts of those with the disease.

The alarmingly high number of infected newborns in this outbreak is another concern, and so far a mystery. In a separate statement on Thursday, WHO said so far 36 Ebola cases have been reported among newborn babies and children under two.

Trump cancels meeting with Putin on his way to the G-20 summit

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Donald Trump abruptly canceled a planned meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin as he headed to the Group of 20 Nations summit Thursday, citing Russia's seizure of Ukrainian vessels as a source of tension in a relationship he has fostered in the face of criticism.

Trump tweeted his decision from Air Force One shortly after his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, revealed he had lied to Congress to cover up that he was negotiating a real estate deal in Moscow on Trump's behalf during the Republican presidential primary in 2016.

The news ensured any meeting with Putin would spotlight the special counsel's investigation into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Moscow dur-

ing the campaign. Trump has denied any wrongdoing and on Thursday called Cohen a "weak person" looking for a reduced sentence.

The president arrived in Argentina late Thursday for a global economic meeting expected to be dominated by Trump's seat-of-his-pants diplomacy. The Putin meeting — a continuation of a controversial summit between the two in July — was just one of a series of high-stakes items on Trump's agenda, which also includes talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on how to ease a rising trade war.

Although Trump had previously floated canceling the meeting with Putin, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters he did not make the final decision until boarding the plane for Argentina and speaking

with national security adviser John Bolton and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. The Kremlin said it had not been formally notified of the decision, which came hours after Moscow said the meeting was on track.

"I look forward to a meaningful Summit again as soon as this situation is resolved!" Trump tweeted from Air Force One.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko praised Trump on Twitter, saying, "This is how great leaders act!"

Sanders also said Trump will not hold formal meetings with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and South Korea's Moon Jae-in, but will instead speak informally with those leaders at the conference. She did not offer any explanation for those changes to the schedule.

Witness contradicts police account of shooting of black teen in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who witnessed a Chicago officer fatally shoot black teenager Laquan McDonald testified Thursday that police waived him away without questioning him that October 2014 night and didn't even bother to take down his name.

Jose Torres, testifying in the trial of three officers accused of lying to protect the white officer who shot McDonald, offered an account that contradicts what the officers wrote in their reports. Torres said he decided to come forward with his version of events after he heard a spokesman for the police union on television telling reporters that McDonald "was lunging" at Van Dyke with the small knife the 17-year-old was carrying in his right hand.

"I told my wife at that moment, 'They're lying,'" he testified. "I told her I had to say something. ... It's eating away at me (and) for the next few days, I couldn't sleep."

Torres' testimony that McDonald was not lunging at Van Dyke matches video that was played repeated at Van Dyke's trial last month in which the officer was convicted of second-degree murder.

Flooding hits Northern California area after wildfire

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Flash flooding hit a wildfire-scarred area of Northern California on Thursday, forcing officials to deploy swift water rescue teams to save people stuck in vehicles and rescue them from homes after a downpour near the Paradise area.

Authorities said they used boats to rescue people from three homes and told people in about 100 vehicles to stay in place until the rain receded in late afternoon.

They received reports of flooding on roads and of downed trees and utility poles.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

32nd Annual Holiday Art Sale | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM | Black Box Theatre, Doudna

Come to find holiday gifts in all price ranges. All items are handmade by local artists. Support the Art + Design Department in raising funds for Art + Design scholarships.

Effective Online Assessment | 1:00 - 1:45 PM | Online

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Fair Detachments of Hypergraphs | 4:10 - 5:00 PM | 2210 Old Main

Today's Colloquium of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, featuring speaker Amin Bahmanian from ISU.

Wind Symphony Chamber Ensembles | 7:30 - 9:00 PM | Doudna Recital Hall

Students de-stress with slime before finals

By Mercury Bowen
Entertainment Reporter | @DEN_News

With final exams fast approaching, students took breaks from studying to participate in craft-making, food and a showing of the movie 'Elf.'

"It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Finals," hosted by the University Board Special Events, University Board Human Potential and Student Government gave students the option to make slime, ornaments, their own zen gardens and stress balls among other things.

Diana Rogel, a junior psychology major, said she thought the event was really fun.

"It's right before finals," Rogel said. "I think it's nice to just have some sort of distraction away from everything from like classes."

Luis Paniagua, a freshman art major, said he really liked the event.

"They went all out," Paniagua said.

What Paniagua said made him attend was the option to create a stress ball.

"I wanted to make [a stress ball]," Paniagua said. "Then it turns out they had more and I was like 'Oh okay cool.'"

Kyara Morales, a freshman English

major, said she felt the event helped relieve some of the stress of final exams.

"I'm definitely going to be using this (stress ball) while working on all those essays and papers," Morales said.

Katie Conlin, chair of Student Government Academic Affairs, said she thought the event was very successful.

"I really think we had a good turnout," Conlin said. "Everyone seems less stressed. I know a lot of us are stressed going into finals, and I think it also helps with us putting it on that we have other people come and show up because then it makes us less stressed about putting on the event."

Rachel Lanham, a senator for Student Government Academic Affairs, agreed that the event was a success.

"I think it's gone really well," Lanham said. "It seems like everybody's having a lot of fun."

Lanham was stationed at the slime-making area, and she said she saw some interesting slimes made.

"We had a couple people add like way too much baking soda," Lanham said. "Theirs was so hard it was not fixable."

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Kyara Morales, a freshman English major, and Luis Paniagua, a freshman art major, make stress balls out of balloons and sand at the event Thursday evening. "I've never made any of this before," Morales said. "I wanted to try it out,"

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Reach out to those in need, help end suicide

According to the Associated Press and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, suicides and drug overdoses pushed up U.S. deaths last year, and there is a continuing decline in American life expectancy.

The suicide and overdose rate is increasing and the U.S. population is out of control. We at *The Daily Eastern News* want to spread awareness and information about this tragedy to help our readers and the Eastern campus.

According to the CDC, there were over 2.8 million U.S. deaths last year; nearly 70,000 more than last year. It was the most deaths in a single year since the government started to keep track over a century ago. In addition to this, the suicide rate is up. The suicide death rate last year was the highest it has been in over 50 years. This year, there were about 47,000 suicides in comparison to the year prior's statistic at about 45,000.

On top of that, the Associated Press states, "Drug overdose deaths also continued to climb, surpassing 70,000 last year, in the midst of the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in U.S. history. The death rate rose 10 percent from the previous year, smaller than the 21 percent jump seen between 2016 and 2017."

Our country is in a crisis and something needs to be done about it. There are many different resources available to you if you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts or struggles with drug addiction.

Before we list off these resources, you the reader need to help spread awareness for this crisis.

Word of mouth can change the world if enough people participate; please spread awareness. First to list off some hotlines to help you with personal struggles: National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255 and a Drug Abuse Hotline: 1-877-662-9071

There are resources on campus that provide counseling for people with suicidal thoughts and struggles with drug abuse. The Health Services on campus can provide the aid you need; their phone number is 217-581-3013. There are a number of alcoholics/narcotics anonymous meetings in the area that are open to anyone struggling with addiction.

On a more personal level, be there for your friends and family if you see these issues plague their lives.

Sometimes people need help, and that is OK; there is no shame in that. If someone you know is threatening to take their own life, please call local police to alleviate the situation. It is because of the precedent set by the nationwide drug epidemic and the ignorance to suicide awareness and prevention that the U.S. life expectancy has dropped significantly this year. Something needs to be done about this; thousands of people are dying due to suicide and drug abuse.

Spread awareness and do what you can to stop this catastrophe.

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Don't take yourself so seriously

I like to tell myself there are few things I am pretty good at without question. Topping the short list of those things is my ability to be self-deprecating.

As a victim to several unfortunate trends throughout my time on this planet, I have a lot of regrets, burdens and embarrassing moments I carry.

While I can delete the photographic proof off my social media or bribe my peers who witnessed me during these dark times to remain silent, these moments will never fully disappear from my history.

Even more so, I tend to encounter embarrassment at almost every turn of my young adult life.

It is a wheel that keeps on spinning, and I, someone who is almost always physically unfit and at most times intellectually unfit, am not strong enough to stop.

Instead, I decide to laugh at myself. My columns have become one of my more formal platforms to exercise this, but I do it in most interactions I have with my friends, family and peers.

The best part about this tactic is that it is not one of those things that falls under the "easier said than done" category. It is simple: it starts and ends with you.

You need to remind yourself you are not



CAROLE HODOROWICZ

the only person to ever mess up. You need to tell yourself in a few weeks, months or years, no one will even remember whatever it is you are keeping yourself up at night over.

You need to encourage yourself to turn this negative into a positive, whether that positive be a learning experience or a funny anecdote to share with your friends.

By laughing at yourself, you unlock a power that cannot be matched by that of any of your criticizing peers, deeply rooted insecurities or the unexpected plans the universe has for you.

One of the biggest benefits from unlocking this power is that it gives you a way to move on and accept yourself or the situation you find yourself in for what it is.

There have been a lot of things in my life I wish I could change, whether they are awkward moments from my past or heavier topics I find myself unwillingly revisiting.

Either way, I find the best way to combat these things is to have a sense of humor. It makes it easier for me to confront things internally as well as share my feelings with my family and friends.

Another perk to this power is that you beat everyone else to the punch. If you make fun of yourself first, no one else can. All they can do is laugh along. Sometimes, it may even encourage others to do the same and before you know it, you are all participating in a healthy and honest conversation.

To put it simply, do not take yourself or everything the world throws at you too seriously. There have been worse things to happen, and there will be better things to come. In order to get to those better things, you need to be able to laugh off the bad.

A silver lining is hiding somewhere, you just need to find it. Work smarter and not harder: make a joke, have a laugh and move on.

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Contrary to what many think, rock music lives on

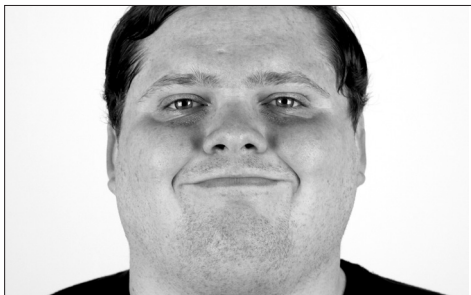
I am a fan of many different musical genres, some that were popular in the past and some that are popular currently.

Rock and roll set the standard for rebellious youth culture after the death of jazz music, and it has unfortunately been a thing of the past for a while.

Or has it been a thing of the past?

Looking back at the greats such as Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Doors, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Queen and Nirvana, no artist has reached these artists' heights in the rock genre.

Me being a college student in my early twenties, I rarely ever hear rock music at any social gathering of any kind. Rock artists are no longer the voice of our generation; they are the voice for past generations. The voices of our generation are mostly hip-hop and R&B artists. I love hip-hop music, but I wish there is one musical group that can rise up in the musical



JORDAN BOYER

charts and reignite the phenomenon that is rock and roll. Alternative music is the closest thing to rock and roll we have today, and only time will tell if anyone can bring rock back in full swing.

How did this happen? It is not like rock and roll had a demise similar to disco music in the 1980s. Bill

Flanagan from *The New York Times* believes it's the downfall after the grunge era passed.

"After the brief early '90s insurgency of Nirvana, Pearl Jam and the grunge bands passed, rock became less interested in innovating than in repeating. A popular new rock band tended to sound a lot like beloved old rock bands, and the days when the Beatles moved in three years from the teen pop of 'I Want to Hold Your Hand' to the experimentation of 'Strawberry Fields Forever' were gone."

Flanagan says that rock is just old now and older people tend to still listen to it, and this is certainly true.

Some people say rock died with Nirvana, and I see some validity in this statement. After the grunge era passed, the rise of pop punk music became mainstream. Bands such as Blink-182, Good Charlotte and Fall Out Boy took over and, while being great music, lost that rock attitude and rebelliousness associated with it.

ciated with it.

Rock is not dead; just the great days of rock music have passed. Many bands today have rock elements in their music, while being talented and in some cases critically and financially successful. Some artists that are keeping this genre alive are Cage The Elephant, Red Hot Chili Peppers, System Of a Down, Jake Bugg and so many others.

I grew up with my parents playing their music and it has left an impression on me as a person. Of course I enjoy the music of my generation, but classic rock music will always be a part of my life. Rock music is not dead, so please stop claiming that it is; many musical artists still keep it alive today. The great days have certainly passed, but the genre is still alive. I doubt we will ever see a "death" similar to disco music.

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“The businesses are always willing to support us and our cause,” Boomgarden said. “I feel as if we are becoming more of a name in the community, and therefore businesses are more willing to work with us.”

The remainder of the donation money gathered comes from registration fees and fundraisers that the Holiday Hustle committee hosts.

Boomgarden and Ervin said they encourage all students to participate in the race by either running, walking or volunteering as a way to give back to their college community.

“We spend so much time in this community, and the community supports us as college students, which sometimes makes it hard for us to give back,” Boomgarden said. “The Holiday Hustle is a great way to begin giving back to our college community and start building relationships with the people we don’t see everyday.”

If students are interested in becoming a volunteer or race participant, applications are available at www.eiuholidayhustle.wordpress.com and the EIU Holiday Hustle Facebook page.

Runners also have the option to show up Saturday morning and register before the race.

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. in front of Old Main with the Kids Dash beginning at 8:30 a.m. The 5K race starts after an opening ceremony at 9:15 a.m.

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Training makes perfect



JAYLEN HARRISON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Two cadets talk to each other during the Army ROTC training exercise Thursday afternoon in the forest near O’Brien Field.

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“I think that a lot of people in the Eastern community that work in different departments and different areas, whether they’re department chairs or secretaries or whatever they do, they look forward to the show,” Nivens said. “They like to come over and shop for the holidays and gift giving.”

Kahler said this event would not have been possible if it weren’t for the hard work LeAnn Daubs, the department office manager, does to make sure the event happens each year for the behalf of the students.

“What I love about it is the opportunity to give back to the department and really, what is fantastic is the opportunity for students to be involved and still be the ones to either help benefit themselves or their fellow students,” Kahler said.

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Students to stay ‘Up All Night,’ raise funds for St. Jude’s Children Hospital

By Dee Luter
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Students can stay “Up til Dawn” starting Friday night as a way to raise money for St. Jude’s Children Hospital.

“Up till Dawn” is hosted by Epsilon Sigma Alpha and starts at 11:30 p.m. Friday in McAfee Gym with check in and from there participants will stay up until 6 a.m. Saturday.

Maddie Plesnicar, a junior science education and psychology major and logistics director for the event, said over 50 students will be in attendance and in their own teams but, signing up last minute is accepted.

The event is free for students to attend but when participants check-in they will be given a link to the fundraising site for St. Jude and asked to share that link on their social media platforms to ask for donations to help reach the \$33,000 goal.

Plesnicar and Hannah Tauscher, a senior biological sciences major, said a total of \$9,139 was raised so far thanks to several teams who signed up before the event.

There are a total of 15 teams attending the event with names like Stevo 7, Delta Chi and EIU UTD, which is the team that consists of the executive board members who helped plan the event.

Each of the teams helped raise money for the cause and EIU UTD raised the most money with \$2,144.

Plesnicar and Tauscher said they hope to raise \$10,000 during the event.

“Students can come and register and through the night they can help fund raise. They’ll have their own personal link where people can donate,” Tauscher said. “They can show up, play

games with us and have fun and they can get a t-shirt if they have raise \$100, but five bucks goes along way.”

As for how students will stay up all night, Plesnicar said students will be offered free food donated by Jimmy Johns and Dominos as well as coffee donated by Starbucks.

“Charleston is great about donating things,” Plesnicar said.

She also said students can bring their own devices such as their cell phones or whatever they want to help keep them awake.

Tauscher said participants will play “old gym games” as a way to keep students awake.

“We have a lot going on and we are going to play the old gym games that we use to play growing up. We are playing kick ball, knock out, jeopardy, four square and more,” Tauscher said.

St. Jude pays expensive hospital bills so families will not have to, plus they provided special doctors for rare diseases and public donations have paid for the research.

Tauscher said she thinks St. Jude’s is amazing because they do so much for families who are going through these situations.

“They do everything for the families and everything is paid for and every person that donates helps a child,” Tauscher said. “\$2.6 million is raised every day and you will never know until you go there (St. Jude’s Hospital) and witness it for yourself. It’s beautiful.”

For more information about donating visit: http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/UTD/UTD?pg=entry&cfr_id=92516.

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A good day to train



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Staff Sgt. Swan and Lt. Col. Travis Shain talk to each other during the Army ROTC training exercise Thursday afternoon outside of O’Brien Field.

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1026

- ACROSS
- 1 It might go to the dogs

11 Unaltered

15 Tahoe, for one

16 Costa ____

17 Trendy salad type

18 Plot in Genesis

19 Prey for a dingo

20 “Rush!”

21 Assessment of acidity

23 Platform that many things run on

24 Part of the Trinity

25 Maniacal laugh

26 Traditional retirement present

27 Ambiguity

28 Selection ____

30 Breezes (along)

31 Knights, bishops, rooks, etc.

32 Fluff pieces

33 See 47-Down

34 Not final

35 Word before “I hate that!”

36 “I’m ____!”

37 An almanac and Google, for a crossword solver

38 Extra keys, e.g.

40 Excel-using exec, maybe

41 What officials need to get cleared before speaking?

42 Bladder, e.g.

43 Subway operator, for short

46 Stuffed appetizer

47 Relative of sepia

48 Cable inits. popular with female viewers

49 Starting

50 “That’s not me anymore”

53 Hilton alternative

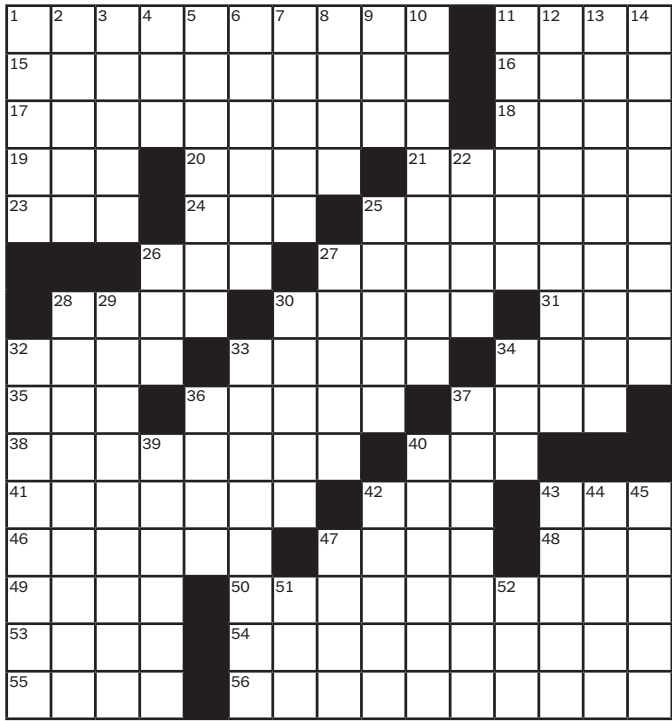
54 “Take your time”

55 Funny Martha

56 Wheedles

DOWN

- 1 Part of the original “Star Trek” cast
- 2 National alternative
- 3 88 or 89
- 4 That can’t be right
- 5 Boxes
- 6 September and October, for pumpkins
- 7 Expletive-free
- 8 Farrier’s tool
- 9 Going by
- 10 Postarrest ritual
- 11 “____ Arrives” (1967 soul album)
- 12 Pitched horizontally
- 13 Polar features
- 14 Seat of Orange County, Calif.



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- 22 Kansas’ Fort ____

25 Escort

26 Rehearsed

27 Too lean

28 Major lobbying group, colloquially

29 United

30 “Blue ____” (Irving Berlin tune)

32 Lasciviously desires

33 Keeps up

34 Part of one’s Twitter page, informally

36 High ____

37 Bills are found in it

39 College assignment, informally?

40 Prestige

42 South American capital

43 High muck-a-muck

44 Move behind?

45 Very long chain

47 First name of a cartoon

51 “I shall return,” e.g.

52 It checks for leaks, for short

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Panthers' home success mirrors NIT season

By Tom O'Connor
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The last time the Eastern women's basketball team won its first three games at home, they cracked the postseason Women's National Invitational Tournament.

That's right, Eastern steamrolled the opposition in all three of its games at Lantz Arena thus far (not including the exhibition against Illinois Wesleyan).

Even before the Thanksgiving holiday, the Panthers had their fill.

After all, what beats home cooking?

Currently a tad shy of first in the conference, Eastern, so long as its players remain healthy, runs little risk of drowning in the OVC playoff contention pool, though the NIT is an entirely different ordeal.

In order to gain passage to that promised land which the Panthers have been absent from since the 2013 season, Eastern must either be an Ohio Valley Conference standout, or, perhaps most challenging of all, impress the selection committee based on their own unique merits.

Half of the 64 eligible teams will reserve a seat in the NIT solely on the basis of their conference win total.

This is how teams get into the tournament on an automatic berth, unless, as it so often turns out, a school has already been tabbed as a qualifier for the NCAA Tournament, in which case the next best squad takes their place.

That was, to be frank, the reason Eastern found its way to the NIT in 2012.

Six years ago, Eastern came in at second. Tennessee-Martin, the number one team in the conference that year, was nominated for the NCAA Tournament. Taking first or second place honors in the OVC, or really in any conference, is sincerely an endeavor of fulfillment.

So even if the Panthers do not reach first, a second place finish could be a nice consolation prize.

Some would contend that early season success at home does not provide the faintest hint as to where a particular team might sit come time for the postseason.

They entirely miss the point.

While Eastern's wins do not hold as much gravity as, say, those in late January or February, such triumphs can, nevertheless, foretell a promising future.



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Eastern redshirt-senior Grace Lennox drives against a defender in the Panthers' exhibition win over Illinois-Wesleyan on Nov. 1. The Panthers have already won three games this season in five games, matching their win total from all of last season.

When the NIT sent Eastern an invitation to participate in March of 2012, the Panthers sealed a matchup with Texas Tech, despite losing three of their final five games.

If ineligible based on the aforementioned criteria, there is still yet another pathway for Eastern to clinch the NIT: at-large berths.

To be chosen for a spot under this provision, prospective tournament frontrunners need to captivate the interests of the

committee personnel.

The NCAA ranking formulas, which help committee members compare and contrast teams that belong to very different basketball ecosystems, are one such measuring tool.

They are not done there.

Degree of difficulty, late season wins and current level of play are just a few examples of some additional benchmarks.

Although a more grueling route to the NIT, the Panthers have the potential to

sway this basketball jury if they sustain their momentum.

The team, from the looks of it, has been coalescing quite nicely at this early juncture.

Eastern's bona fide all-stars, sophomores Karle Pace and Taylor Steele, chipped in 28 and 20 points respectively versus Fort Wayne.

Both players have been thriving across the wide array of skillsets, from three-point shooting to defensive stoppage to

points per game.

And, get this, Eastern is holding a tight grip on one of the highest scoring margins in the Ohio Valley Conference, second only to Morehead State.

Talk about current level of play.

The tantalizing possibility of a trip to the WNIT should perk up the heads of the Eastern coaching staff.

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Men's basketball to face Chicago State

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Despite the glaring fact that Fort Wayne scored 63 of its 104 points Wednesday off three-pointers, another issue that Eastern faced was its own three-point performance.

The first half produced a decent long-range showing from the Panthers, as they shot 6-16 from three-point land before halftime.

In the second half, Eastern's accuracy dropped and the team shot 2-12 in the half for threes (8-28 overall).

But the reason the team struggled with three-point shooting, and with the offense overall, was, as head coach Jay Spoonhour put it, the team relied too much on shooting them.

"There's a difference between getting threes (out of your offense) and then where you're just relying on them and getting nothing," Spoonhour said after Wednesday's loss.

Rade Kukobat, who led Eastern with 12 points Wednesday, said he agrees with Spoonhour "110 percent."

"I don't think jump shots are bad," Kukobat said. "We relied on threes way too much. You can only make so many of them, on a good night you can make maybe 40-some percent of them."

Kukobat said there are a couple things the Panthers' offense can do to avoid falling into the trap of taking too many threes.

One of those remedies is to get easier points by driving the ball to the basket more and try to get fouls more, leading to free throws.

"Attacking, I really think we need to start attacking more," Kukobat said. "We got some opportunities around the rim, now we just got to be stronger and finish around there eve with the contact."

The other solution, Kukobat said, is that he thinks the team can move more on offense and not be as stagnant as they have been.

So far this season, Eastern is averaging 10.1 assists per game, which is lower than last season's overall average (12.6).

A big part of the story behind the low assist number is that Eastern's roster has nine new players on the team (only five



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Eastern junior forward Braxton Shaw shoots the ball in Eastern's 104-60 loss to Fort Wayne on Wednesday night in Lantz Arena. Eastern (3-4) travels to face Chicago State on Saturday.

returning players) and, as Spoonhour put it at the beginning of the season, it will take awhile for the team to completely mesh.

All nine of the new players have played at least a few minutes, with seven of them playing good minutes consistently.

"I think Coach Spoonhour's got us in a really good position right now," Kukoba

bat said.

The other main reason for Eastern's blowout loss to Fort Wayne was that the Mastodons played fast and aggressively on offense, making Eastern's defenders constantly shift off their own mark to help a teammate.

"We really got to guard our own man, and we can't keep getting beat to the bas-

ket," Kukobat said.

The Panthers' next game is Saturday at 2 p.m. at Chicago State.

The Cougars are 0-7 to start their season.

They are averaging 61.7 points per game, which is just under eight points fewer than Eastern's average.

The top three players to watch for

Chicago State are Anthony Harris, Christian Jacob and Rob Shaw, who average 13.4, 11.6 and 9.9 points per game, respectively. Shaw leads the team with 4.6, and Jacob leads the team with seven rebounds per game.

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Panthers to face road test against Valparaiso

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The Eastern women's basketball team will look to avoid a second straight road loss when they travel to play the Valparaiso Crusaders on Sunday.

The Panthers suffered their second loss of the young season on Wednesday night against Bradley by a score of 67-64.

These two teams faced off last season at Lantz Arena where Valparaiso won 76-67. It was Eastern's sixth straight loss in what turned out to be a 12-game losing streak.

Valparaiso is 1-5 this season, having lost their first four games of the season before beating Saint Francis College from Brooklyn on Nov. 17. They then lost 65-59 against Toledo.

The Crusaders are led on offense by senior guard Meredith Hamlet, who is averaging 15 points per game this season.

Only one other Valparaiso player is scoring in double figures this season. Redshirt-sophomore Addison Stoller is averaging 10 points

per game and is leading the team with 6.8 rebounds per game.

Despite Valparaiso's record, Eastern head coach Matt Bollant said he expects a competitive game.

"(Valparaiso) has played close games," Bollant said. "They just played a Toledo team that would probably win our league, or be a top team in our league, and lost by six. So they're certainly not far off."

Eastern's guard depth may play a big part in the game on Sunday, especially with redshirt-senior Grace Lennox having a breakout game against Bradley.

Another factor for the Panthers is bench play, which has been inconsistent so far this season.

After getting 61 points off the bench in the opener against Oakland City, the Panthers got only 13 against Butler.

The bench came back against Lincoln Christian and scored 57, but then scored just 10 points combined against Fort Wayne and Bradley.

Bollant said he is still working out the rotation, and it may

change from game to game, depending on the opponent's strengths.

"Bradley's post players were so good, so we tried to go a little more guard oriented," Bollant said. "I feel like against (Valparaiso), we might be able to score a little bit more inside."

Valparaiso is in the Missouri Valley Conference this season, and has played an OVC team already.

They lost to OVC leaders Morehead State 68-62 back on Nov. 16. Morehead State's leading scorer, Miranda Crockett, scored 30 points for the Golden Eagles in the game.

Bollant said he expects another close road game from the Panthers after the loss on Wednesday.

"We're excited for another challenge," he said. "We lost a fairly close game to (Valparaiso) last year at home. We feel like we're better, and we'll see what happens."

The game tips off at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Eastern junior guard Danielle Berry dribbles up the court in the Panthers' 102-43 win over Oakland City on Nov. 6. Eastern (3-2) goes on the road to play Valparaiso on Sunday.